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Attorney Docket: 31921-169140

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
ATTENTION: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Continuation Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) for:

Inventor: David S. MILLER

Title: FULLY-AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR TAX REPORTING,  
PAYMENT AND REFUND

**This is not a Provisional Application.**

The submitted Continuation Patent Application is a continuation of co-pending U.S.  
Patent Application No. 09/073,027 filed May 7, 2000 (hereinafter "Parent Application").

The application includes:

- ☒ Specification (23 pages), including claims (1-21) and an Abstract (one page)
- ☒ Formal drawings (2 sheets, Figures 1-2)
- ☒ Copy of Oath/Declaration originally filed in the Parent Application
- ☒ Copy of a Form 1449 filed in the Parent Application
- ☒ Copy of a Form 892 filed in the Parent Application
- ☒ Nonpublication Request
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment

In view of the above, it is requested that this Continuation Patent Application be accorded  
a filing date. This Continuation Patent Application is neither a CPA nor an RCE.

Please enter the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment.

The Parent Application was pending in Group Art Unit 2765 with Examiner  
M. Irshadullah.

The priority of the following co-pending application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120:  
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/073,027, filed May 7, 1998.

The priority of the following application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e): U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/045,945, filed May 8, 1997.

The Parent Application was assigned of record to Simplification, LLC of New York, New York. The recorded assignment assigns divisions of the Parent Application, which includes this Continuation Patent Application, to Simplification, LLC of New York, New York.

Copies of a Form 1449 and a Form 892 filed in the Parent Application are enclosed. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), a copy of the information listed in the Form 1449 and the Form 892 are not submitted.


U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/045,945, filed May 8, 1997, and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/073,027, filed May 7, 1998, are hereby incorporated herein by reference into this Continuation Patent Application.

A Power of Attorney was included with the Declaration filed in the Parent Application. An Associate Power of Attorney for Michael A. Sartori (Reg. No. 41,289) was filed on February 3, 2000 in the Parent Application.

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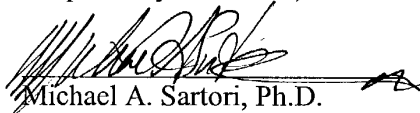
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the concurrently-filed above-identified application NOT be published after 18 months pursuant 35 U.S.C. § 112. The undersigned certifies that the invention disclosed in the above-identified application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication of applications 18 months after filing.

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